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SUBJECT: GERMAN FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL UNAWARE OF

POSSIBLE EC FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING WITH U.S.

REF: EC BRUSSELS 2526

1. FRG FINANCE MINISTRY ASSTSEC WEBER EXPRESSED SURPRISE TO ECON/COML MINISTER ON MARCH 25 OVER POSSIBLE MEETING OF EC NINE FINANCE MINISTERS AND U.S. AT FIRST HE SAID HE HAD BEEN AT BRUSSELS AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING AND RECALLED NOTHING ABOUT IT. HOWEVER, HE THEN REFERRED TO NOTES OF LUNCHEON MEETING MADE BY ECONOMICS MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY SCHLECHT (AT WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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WEBER WAS NOT PRESENT). ACCORDING TO SCHLECHT MINUTES

- "A VERY FEW" MINISTERS AND THE COMMISSION THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NEED FOR A BETTER DIALOGUE ON GLOBAL TRADE PROBLEMS AND THE RECESSION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE U.S. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THIS COULD BE DONE THROUGH EXISTING BILATERAL CHANNELS AND THROUGH THE OECD MECHANISM. THE MATTER WAS THEN REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION FOR FURTHER STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
- 2. WEBER SAID SINCE HE HAD BEEN IGNORANT OF THE MATTER HE COULD NOT HAVE ANY OFFICIAL POSITION. OFF-THE-CUFF, HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT SEE WHY THE FRG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A SESSION BETWEEN ALL OF THE EC NINE MINISTERS AND THE US SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. HE PROMISED TO LET US KNOW FURTHER INFORMATION HE OBTAINED ON THE SUBJECT. HILLENBRAND

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